

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY HEATON

A Resolution encouraging the adoption of the Iowa tartan
and the Iowa dress tartan as official state tartans.

WHEREAS, Tartan Day has been recognized and
celebrated on April 6 since 1999 to commemorate the
signing of the Declaration of Arbroath that inspired
the United States Declaration of Independence and to
recognize the contributions of the people of Scottish
and Scots-Irish heritage to the United States and
Iowa; and

WHEREAS, twenty states, the United States, all of
the Canadian provinces, some of the American military
forces, and several cities in the United States have
adopted their own tartan which can be worn by anyone
of any nationality, known as district tartans; and

WHEREAS, Iowa has a rich history of Scottish
influence in the founding of towns, cities, and
counties; and that history is reflected in place names
and celebrations throughout Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowans of Scottish and Scots-Irish descent
have shown leadership in the fields of science,
industry, literature, politics, exploration, and
conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Scottish community had input into the
creation of the Iowa tartan and Iowa dress tartan; and

WHEREAS, the colors chosen for the Iowa tartans
were chosen to symbolize Iowa: blue for the sky, our
rivers and lakes; green for the fields our farmers
plant; black for the rich soil with which we are

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1 blessed; white for snow; red for barns and the state
2 flower, the wild rose; brown for the earth; and yellow
3 for corn and the state bird, the goldfinch; and

4 WHEREAS, the Iowa Scottish Heritage Society
5 initiated the creation of the state tartans as gifts
6 for all of the people of Iowa to symbolize the nature,
7 qualities, and beauty of Iowa and as a symbol of unity
8 and all that weaves us together as Iowans; NOW
9 THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
11 That the House of Representatives supports adoption of
12 the Iowa tartan and Iowa dress tartan designs
13 submitted by the Iowa Scottish Heritage Society as the
14 official Iowa tartans; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be sent to the Governor requesting
17 executive approval of such tartans as the official
18 Iowa tartan and Iowa dress tartan.

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